



## Urban Backyard Chickens

### Permit Application

#### City of Frankfort

315 West Second Street, Frankfort, KY 40601

Phone: (502) 352-2094, [www.frankfort.ky.gov](http://www.frankfort.ky.gov)

#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Only the keeping of non-crowing chickens shall be allowed.
- There shall be no more than six (6) chickens kept on a property.
- A property housing chickens shall keep the chickens enclosed in the backyard only. The backyard shall be enclosed with a six-foot (6') fence.
- The chickens shall be kept in a henhouse/coop/tractor/run with a roof, that is enclosed on all sides, that has adequate ventilation, and that is able to be locked and secured to ensure chickens cannot run at large or leave the property and are safe from predators.
- The henhouse/coop/tractor and any associated run attached to it shall be in the backyard and be a minimum of twenty-five feet (25') from the nearest residence, not including the residence of the owner of the chickens. For the purposes of this section, "residence" shall be defined to include both the principal structure and any decks, porches or sunrooms attached to the principal structure.
- Chickens shall not be kept in a manner that would allow a perceptible odor beyond the property line.
- There shall be no breeding or slaughtering of backyard chickens.
- Provision shall be made for storage and removal of chicken manure.
- All feed shall be stored inside or in a weather and rodent resistant container designed to prevent access by animals.

#### DESCRIPTION OF WORK

#### ESTIMATED COST

#### APPLICANT

Name:

Address:

City/State/ZIP:

Phone:

#### PROPERTY OWNER

Name:

Address:

City/State/ZIP:

Phone:

#### Planning and Community Development

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Location: \_\_\_\_\_

#### REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Diagram of property, showing location and dimensions of the lot (property lines), all existing streets and on-site structures, and the location of proposed buildings or improvements
- Label dimensions, existing, and proposed setbacks for front, side and rear yards
- Location of henhouse, fence, feed storage, trash bins, compost pile (if applicable)
- Location of nearest neighboring residences and distance from proposed henhouse
- \$50 fee, payable to City of Frankfort

#### SITE PLAN

Owner/applicant attests that they have read and agree that all improvement is limited to the drawn or attached plans, shall meet setbacks shown and the conditions of the approval as shown; any deviations shall require written approval from the City; and owner agrees to complete project within 90 days or permit will expire.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Final Inspection Required. Call (502) 352-2094 when project complete.

**STAFF PERSONNEL ONLY**

Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit No: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved [ ☐ ] Denied [ ☐ ] \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**Conditions**

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**Final Inspection**

Approved [ ☐ ] Denied [ ☐ ] \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

Notes:

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## **Urban Backyard Chickens Permit Affidavit**

*I affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the information contained in this application and all documents tenured in connection with this application are accurate and complete. Furthermore, I certify that I have reviewed and will comply with all other requirements of the City of Frankfort Code of Ordinances, City of Frankfort Zoning Ordinance, the Kentucky Building Code, the Kentucky Residential Code, and the City of Frankfort Nuisance Code, including, but not limited to:*

### **90.08 URBAN BACKYARD CHICKENS**

(A) General Requirements: Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 90.07, residents within the City of Frankfort shall be allowed to keep backyard chickens as an exception from the requirements of Section 90.07 with the proper Permit from the Planning Department and under the following conditions:

- (1) Only the keeping of non-crowing chickens shall be allowed. Adult roosters, turkeys, guineas, ducks, geese, or other domestic fowl are specifically prohibited.
- (2) There shall be no more than six (6) chickens kept on a property within the city limits at any one time.
- (3) A property housing chickens shall keep the chickens enclosed in the backyard only. The backyard shall be enclosed with a six-foot (6') fence.
- (4) In addition to the fencing requirement, the chickens shall be kept in a henhouse/coop/tractor/run with a roof, that is enclosed on all sides, that has adequate ventilation, and that is able to be locked and secured to ensure chickens cannot run at large or leave the property and are safe from predators. Whenever left unattended, the chickens shall be kept in the secured henhouse/coop/tractor/run to ensure they cannot run at large or leave the property.
- (5) The henhouse/coop/tractor and any associated run attached to it shall be located in the backyard and be a minimum of twenty-five feet (25') from the nearest residence, not including the residence of the owner of the chickens. For the purposes of this section, "residence" shall be defined to include both the principal structure and any decks, porches or sunrooms attached to the principal structure. This requirement shall be met at the time of permit issuance and is not meant to be retroactively applied in the event an adjacent residence constructs an addition of some type that encroaches upon an existing chicken henhouse/coop/tractor/run.
- (6) Chickens shall not be kept in a manner that would allow a perceptible odor beyond the property line.
- (7) There shall be no breeding or slaughtering of backyard chickens within the City of Frankfort.
- (8) Provision shall be made for storage and removal of chicken manure. All manure for composting or fertilizing shall be contained in a well-aerated garden compost pile. All other manure not used for composting or fertilizing shall be removed from the property. In addition, the henhouse/coop/tractor/run and surrounding area shall be kept free from trash and accumulated droppings or feed.

- (9) All feed shall be stored inside or in a weather and rodent resistant container designed to prevent access by animals.

(B) Enforcement and Penalties:

(1) The requirements of this Section may be enforced by the Animal Control Officer(s), the Frankfort Police Department, or the Planning Department via code enforcement staff.

(2) Any person who keeps chickens without a valid permit as required by Subsection (C) of this Section or who otherwise violates any of the provisions of this Section shall be deemed guilty of a violation and shall be issued a Notice of Violation. In the event that the violation is not corrected within the timeframe referenced in Subsection (B)(3) of this Section following the issuance of a Notice of Violation, a Citation may be issued, and a civil penalty applied in accordance with the following: First Offense/Citation - \$100; Second Offense/Citation - \$200; any additional Offenses/Citations - \$300 each.

(3) A violator of this Section shall be given a prescribed reasonable timeframe to correct the violation(s) up to a maximum of seven (7) days from the date of Notice of Violation.

(4) A violator who remains in violation after the prescribed timeframe for correction shall have their permit revoked and shall immediately discontinue the keeping of chickens at their residence. Failure to comply may result in removal of the chickens from the residence by Animal Control Officer(s) or legal action instituted against the violator in a Court of appropriate jurisdiction.

(5) Nothing in this Section is meant to preclude or usurp the existing authority of the Animal Control Officer(s) or the Police Department.

(6) Nothing in this ordinance is intended to relieve a resident from liability related to the harboring of chickens that would otherwise result in a violation of local, state, or federal law.

(C) Permits: A permit shall be required to be obtained from the Planning Department for residents wishing to keep non-crowing chickens at their residence within the City limits in accordance with this Section. Each permit shall be accompanied by a fifty-dollar (\$50.00) permit fee. A permit shall not be issued to any person who has previously been found in violation of this Section.

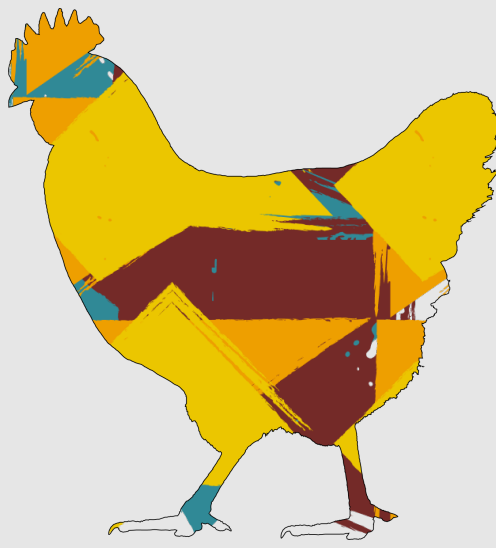
*I understand that failure to comply with any of the above-listed conditions, in addition to those set forth in the **URBAN BACKYARD CHICKENS (Section 90.08 City of Frankfort Code of Ordinances)**, will be cause for enforcement action by the Department of Planning & Community Development, which may result in the accrual of fines and penalties and/or prohibition of urban backyard chickens in the future.*

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Signature

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Date



# Urban Backyard Chickens

## FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

### HENS ONLY CLUB

Backyard chickens are allowed within city limits. You are limited to having a maximum of 6 hens and no roosters are allowed. No breeding nor slaughtering of backyard chickens is permitted. If you need assistance with a rooster relocation, contact Bluegrass Wildlife, Inc. at 502/783-7266 or visit Frankfort's Urban Backyard Chicken group on Facebook.

### OUTDOOR AREA

Your chickens need to be kept in the backyard enclosed by a 6 ft. tall fence. When you're not at home the chickens need to be kept inside a coop to ensure that they don't run at large and are safe from predators.

### THE COOP

You will need to provide a covered and enclosed, predator-proof coop that is well ventilated for your chickens. Your coop needs to be located 25 ft. away from any neighboring residences (excluding your own).

### CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

Chicken coops must be kept neat and sanitary at all times. There shouldn't be a perceptible odor of your chickens beyond your property line. You will need to make provisions for the storage and removal of chicken manure. If you're composting or fertilizing, then be sure to contain manure within a well-aerated garden compost pile.

### CHICKEN FEED

Store chicken feed inside or in a weather and rodent resistant container that is designed to prevent access from other critters.

### PERMITS

If you're thinking about having urban backyard chickens at your home, be sure to contact the City's Planning & Community Development Department and obtain a permit first. City Staff is happy to discuss Frankfort's rules and regulations for backyard chickens to make sure that you and your chickens are getting off on the right foot. You can reach the Planning Department at 502/875-8500 or at [www.frankfort.ky.gov/planning](http://www.frankfort.ky.gov/planning). The Franklin County Extension Office at Lake View Park is a good source of tips on raising chickens in our area 502/695-9035.



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